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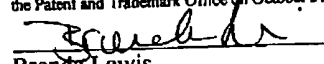
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The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office

Action dated September 14, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.